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Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 5:48 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Notti; Emil R (CED)
Cc: kccole@mtaonline.net
Subject: Re: Mat Maid Debt

We need to make sure Emil, Joe's boss, is also aware of issues here. Thanks

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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2007 17:46:31

To:"Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Anders, Bruce F (DNR)" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

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Thanks Tom. I've copied Kristan on this email as she was not aware either. Considering that the Governor's office is critiqued daily on this via Halcro and all the radio shows, and that we are often finding ourselves in the position of having to respond; please ask your folks to include us in the notification of these type of requests and/or exchange of information so we're not blindsided. Kristan, as Chair, should also be included on all correspondence as she is the one spending countless hours each day on this matter.

I agree we should meet sooner rather than later. Kristan is awaiting a status report on action items from Joe Austerman. I think a written status and plan would be helpful for the meeting. We are also working on the financials and don't expect them until Friday. Meeting prior to that would not do us any good. I request that we keep the meeting to a very small group and that you and I discuss the attendees.

On another note, Kristan has run into numerous stumbling blocks within the state trying to obtain help for an audit. Kristan, Mike Tibbles called Karen Rehfeld - our OMB Director - for me today and they're on it.

Also, Kristan reported today that we have had 10 written letters of interest and several phone calls.

I really hate that you have to be bothered with this while you're out of town. I'm sorry. Please give my best to Sharon.

Kris

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Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 4:14 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Anders, Bruce F (DNR)
Subject: FW: Mat Maid Debt

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 10:29 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Valdez xcountry

Talked to school secretary. They'll plug me in for a run with the team at 3:30.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2007 18:22:34

To:"Janice L Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Valdez xcountry

I'm calling vhs to check on xcountry

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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Kristan Cole
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Austerman; Joseph M (CED); Havemeister; Franci A (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)
Subject: Counter the MATMAID

He says "they" have now projected a $3-plus million loss of MatMaid, putting this "way above any losses with Murkowski's jet", says Rydell.

Again, unless we get out ahead on correcting MatMaid misinformation, this issue becomes the new proverbial bridge-to-nowhere, or becomes equivilant to Frank's jet issue.

The problem there is Alaskans will distrust that the Ag and MatMaid decisions we make are based on economics, and what's best for Alaska... instead of being led to believe decisions are being made out of stubborness and emotion.

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Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2007 17:06:51

To:"Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Kristan Cole" <Kristan@KristanCole.com>

Cc:"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Austerman, Joseph M (CED)" <joe.austerman@alaska.gov>,"Franci Havemeister" <franci.havemeister@alaska.gov>,"Joseph R Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

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To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Bp flares

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2007 14:16:27

To:"Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>,"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Martha K Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>,"Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Joseph R Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

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Sent:	Wednesday, September 19, 2007 6:25 AM
To:	'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc:	Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject:	Crim Justice

Dana Fabe called me two days ago to ask if I would chair the crim justice working group. Talis' concern had been that the chief j had designated Stephanie Cole to serve in her stead, so Talis designated Rick Svobodny. Talis also had said he would serve if the Chief would actually serve--we didn't like that it felt like exec branch officials would be reporting to the Chief Justice.

Dana was mortified when I told her that's how we had perceived or heard the invite as it originally came to Talis. I asked Dana if she would personally serve and she agreed to. She still wants me to chair or cochair it (which I can do).

I still have to talk with Walt. I am not as concerned anymore about the possibility of this driving your agenda. It will be a lower key informally mtg group with no formal votes or reports. Just a chance for people across the justice system to meet together about four times yearly. I spoke with Talis about it yesterday. Seems ok with serving on the committee.

Also, I filled in Randy Ruaro yesterday on what I've gathered and heard and plugged him into the working group notification cycle so he can be at any meetings. I will likely go ahead and try to chair or co chair the group. (After I talk with Walt.)

In Galena today. Back around 4:30.

Sean

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Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 12:15 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Board Resignations

FYI, we had two Board resignations from ANGDA – Andy Warwick & Bob Stinson today over the new Public Office Financial Disclosure form. They both said that disclosing individual income from clients and/or their spouses was too onerous for them. Andy was concerned that he'll violate his client's privacy by disclosing how much they paid him for doing their taxes, etc. We'll likely see Favretto resign as well.

I've told folks that bring this up that any change will have to come from the Legislature and that I don't see any type of fix on the near horizon.

I do know that Dave Jones is looking at this and making sure that APOC is on firm footing in how they're handling it. I'll continue to stay in contact with Dave on it.

Frank

Director, Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
907-269-7450

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]

Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 8:21 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: FW: Response to Pebble Mine letter

Dear Governor Palin, Just for your information. This is the formal response sent to Rep. Ramras about his allegations on Pebble. Talis

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From: Robinson, Valerie M (LAW)
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 3:52 PM
To: Ramras, Jay B (LAA)
Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Response to Pebble Mine letter

Please find attached a response to your September 1, 2007 letter regarding Pebble Mine. An original copy is in the mail.

STATE OF ALASKA

Sarah Palin, Governor

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September 18, 2007

The Hon. Representative Jay Ramras
Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives
District 10
1292 Sadler Way Suite 324
Fairbanks Alaska 99701

Re: Pebble Mine Advocacy

Dear Representative Ramras:

This is in response to your letter of September 1, 2007 to Attorney General Talis Colberg and to U.S. Attorney Nelson P. Cohen. We received your correspondence on September 7, 2007. You complain that on a recent fact-finding trip to the Bristol Bay region, private citizens told you that unnamed corporate organizations who advocate a pro-Pebble Mine viewpoint were making direct financial payments to local village residents, business owners, and community leaders to inappropriately garner support from local residents for development of the Pebble Mine prospect.

Depending on the identity and status of the persons receiving the alleged funds and the identity of the entity or entities providing them, your allegations could be serious. At this point, your stories are admittedly anecdotal, and none of them can be corroborated on the basis of the information in your letter, because the parties are anonymous.

The civil division and the criminal division of the Department of Law do not have independent investigative capacity, except in specific cases such as Medicaid fraud, regulatory affairs and public advocacy, and consumer protection. One of my attorneys will be calling you to discuss your allegations to determine whether to request outside agency assistance, specifically from the Department of Public Safety, to start an investigation. The State Troopers, not the Department of Law, would be the "first responders" to determine whether a crime has been committed.

Before asking the State Troopers to become involved, the first question we will be asking is which, if any, of the people you implicate in your letter are public servants. Then we will want to know whether any persons you identify as public servants were in a position to have their vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision, or exercise of discretion as a public servant influenced by the payment of a benefit. The state crimes of bribery (AS 11.56.100), receiving a bribe (AS 11.56.110), and official misconduct (AS 11.56.580) are only applicable to the conduct

of public servants. We will also want to know the specific identity of any person or entity you allege made payments to any of the individuals you cite.

The crimes of commercial bribe receiving (AS 11.46.660) and commercial bribery (AS 11.46.670) apply to persons whose status is not as public servants, but who have duties to others which are either fiduciary or professional in nature. These may include officers or directors who participate in the direction of the affairs of an organization. But in addition to status, the crime of commercial bribe receiving requires that the person receiving the money or benefit obtain it with intent to violate a duty to which that person is subject due to his status. Similarly, the crime of commercial bribery requires proof that the briber knew that the person he was trying to bribe was subject to a duty as a result of his status, and the briber intended to influence the other to violate that duty. As you can see, determining the identity, status, and intent of the persons you implicate is imperative.

You also allege that the payor of these benefits may not be providing federal 1099 withholding forms to the payees. Since you have directed your letter jointly to U. S. Attorney Cohen, we assume this matter of federal concern will be of particular interest to him and his staff.

You complain of potential ethical improprieties, if not outright criminal behavior. The Department will also assess whether any civil causes of action may be brought against either the payor or payees of the benefits you allege. However, village and regional native corporations, as you are aware, are organized as for-profit entities. As you are also aware, the Alaska legislature's 2007 Ethics Bill (SCS CSHB 109(Fin) am S) only applies to the conduct of state executive and legislative branch officers (including lobbyists). The conduct of the officers and directors of village/regional native corporations is therefore not controlled by the state's amended 2007 ethics act, unless those persons are found to be acting in a separate governmental capacity.

You have asked that the Department of Law send a representative to Bristol Bay for a series of meetings of the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the House Resources Committee on September 24-26, 2007. We are evaluating your request. Depending on the outcome of our telephone conversation, we may ask for Public Safety assistance with this request.

Thank you for expressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

TALIS J. COLBERG
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: [signature]
Richard A. Svobodny
Deputy Attorney General